

August 26, 2011

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Developing an Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45; *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 24, 2011, Ron Duncan, Tina Pidgeon and Megan Delany of General Communication, Inc. ("GCI") met with Chairman Julius Genachowski and Greg Guice, Acting Director, Office of Legislative Affairs.

The GCI attendees discussed and explained the need for an Alaska Broadband Plan ("ABP"), as outlined in GCI's Comments filed August 24, 2011, in the above-referenced dockets.¹ GCI also presented the attached maps detailing the status of broadband, wireless and infrastructure deployment in Alaska.

A copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

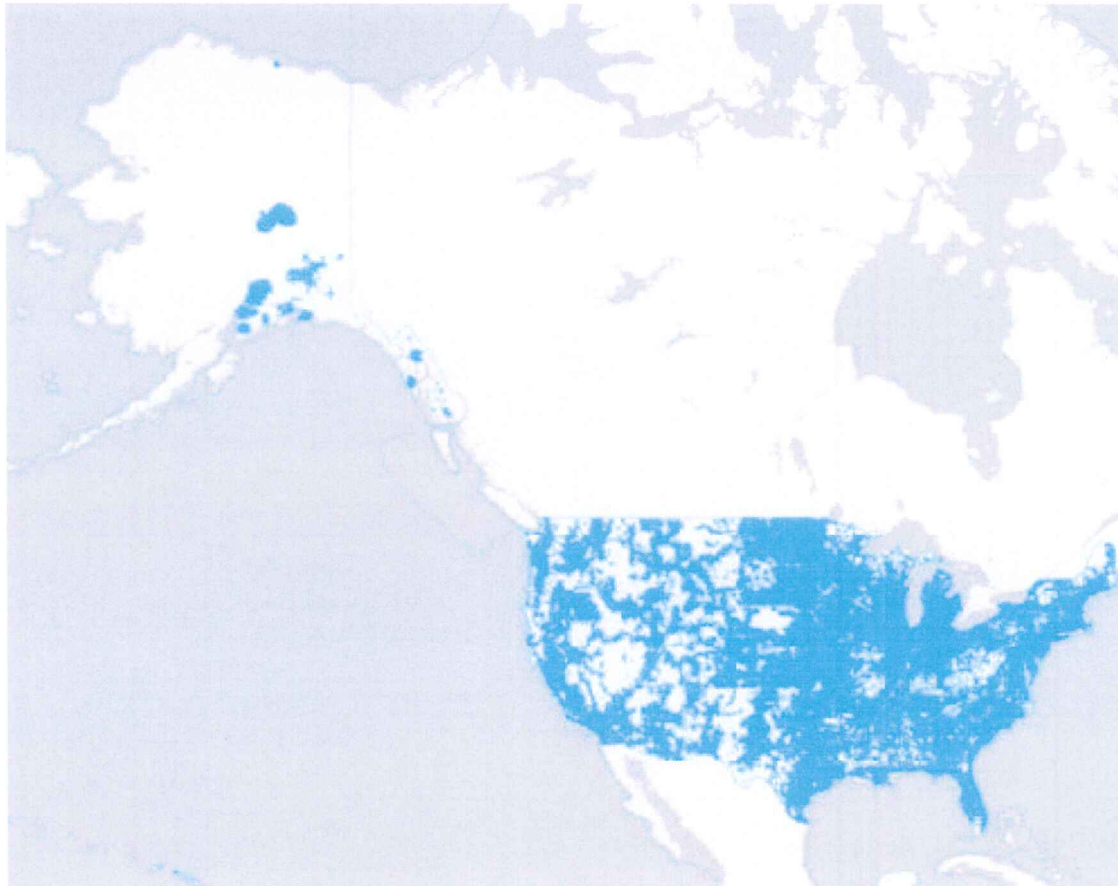
/s/

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cc: Julius Genachowski
Greg Guice

¹ See Comments of General Communication, Inc., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. at 6, 24-28, Appendix 1 (filed Aug. 24, 2011).

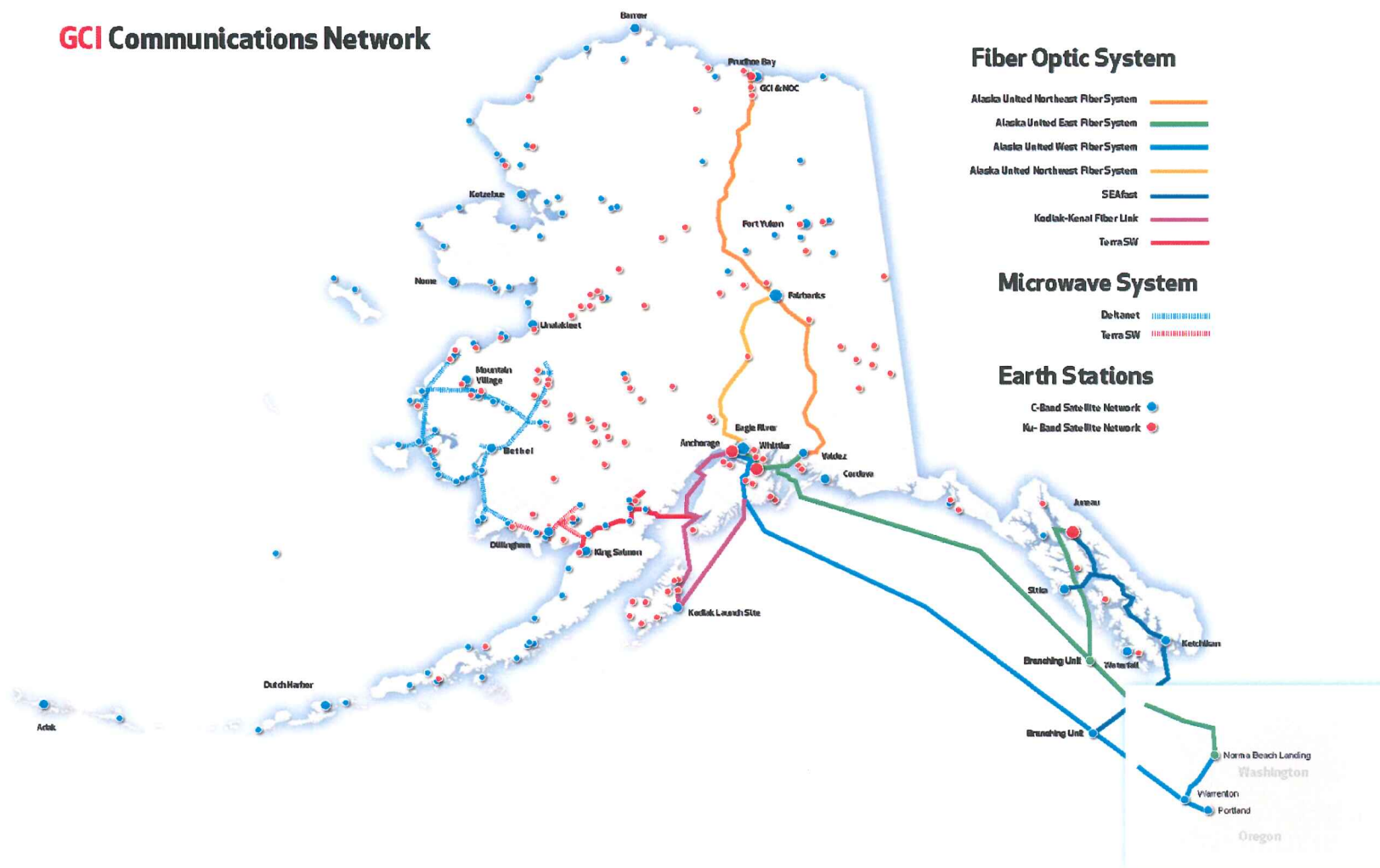
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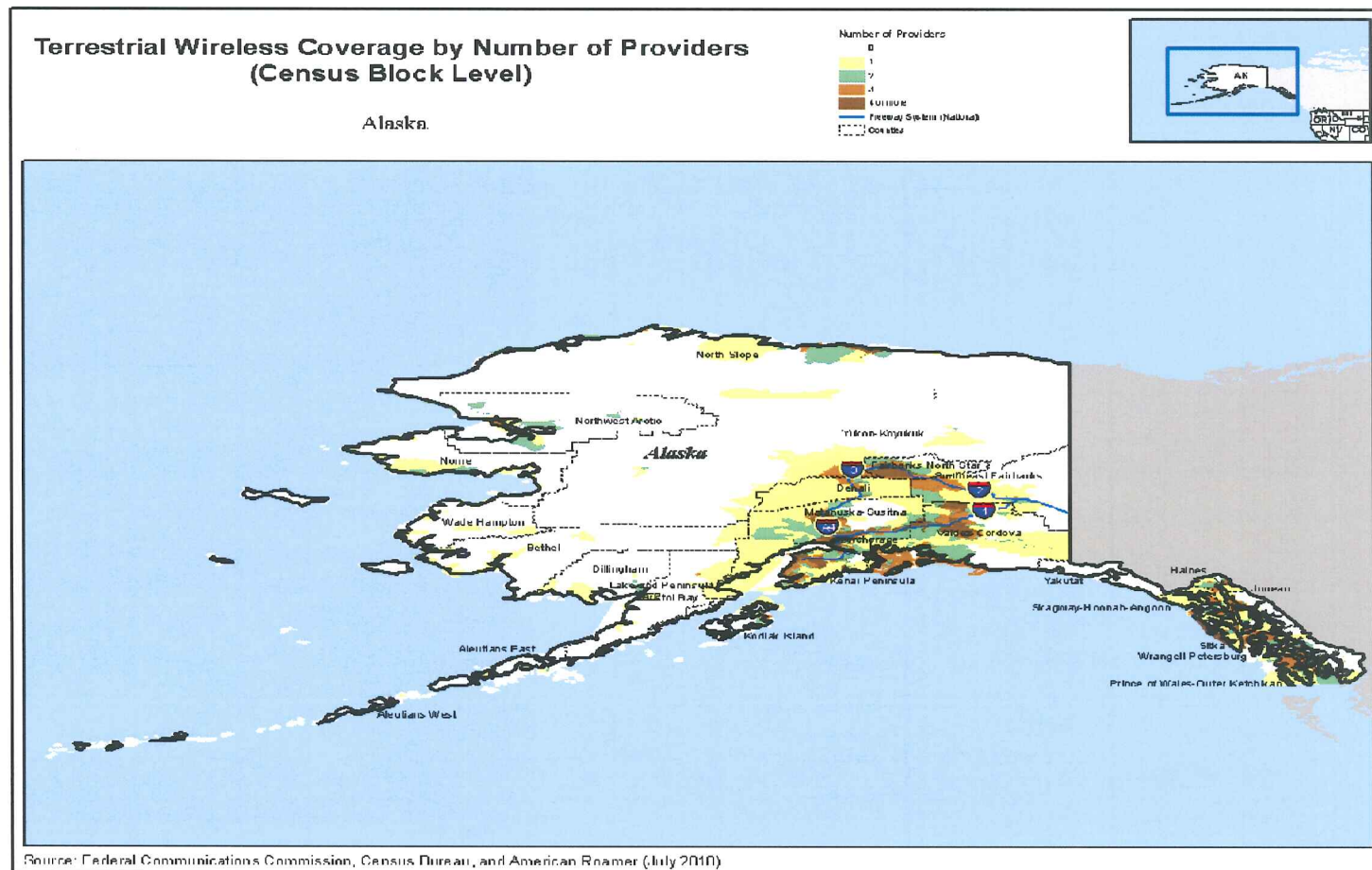
Source: NTIA / FCC National Broadband Map, *available at* www.broadbandmap.gov



GCI Communications Network



Alaska's Mobile Wireless Coverage (2010)





GCI Wireless Availability

- Current - Voice, Text and Data
- 2011 (Planned): 6 Communities
- Future (Planned): 55 Communities

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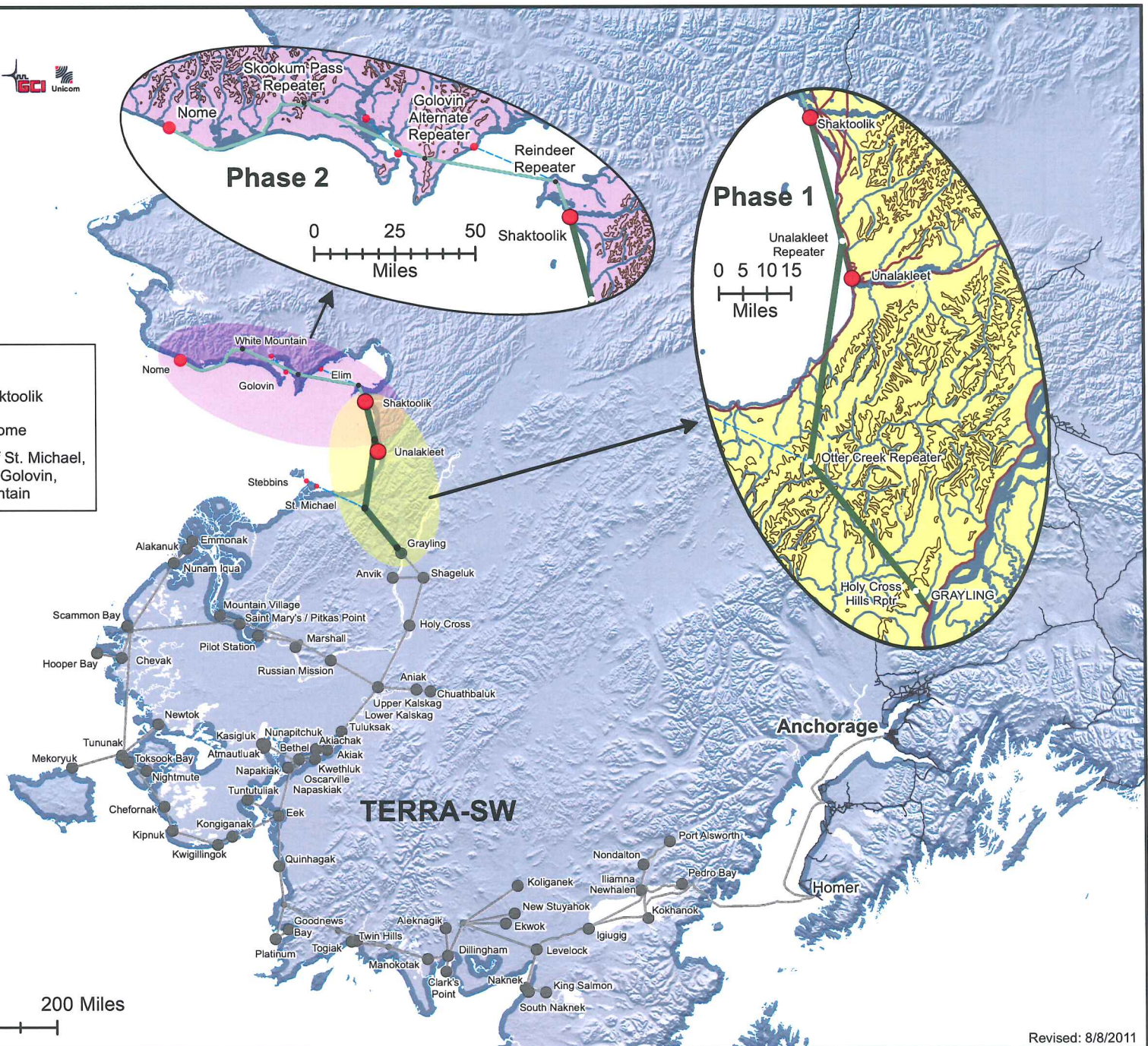
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TERRA-NW Phases

- 1 Grayling to Shaktoolik
- 2 Shaktoolik to Nome
- Communities of St. Michael, Stebbins, Elim, Golovin, and White Mountain
- 3 Stebbins, Elim, Golovin, and White Mountain



Creating a 21st Century Alaska Broadband Backbone Network

